

Dear FCC, Please register my disagreement with this proposal. RM-10868 seeks to further restrict the radio amateur hobby by making testing harder and raising the bar on what is already a difficult hobby to enter from both an economic and technical point. By restricting the question pool, and implementing mandatory waiting periods between retesting, RM-10868 will likely cause a further decline in the number of radio amateurs. Most amateurs know that real learning in the hobby takes place after the license is passed and real experience can be gained. Further, continuing study by hams is usually directed by daily radio experience which raises practical operating questions. I am opposed to this proposal on the grounds that it makes the hobby more restrictive and will discourage new radio amateur entrants.

Regards,

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